

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated August 4, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 13, 20-24, 26-27, 29-30 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Swayze (U.S. Patent No. 5,115,265).

Claims 4 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swayze in view of Toyofuku (U.S. Patent No. 6,166,765).

Claims 14, 16-17, 19, 25, 28 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swayze in view of Herzfeld (U.S. Patent No. 2,725,804).

Claims 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swayze in view of Herzfeld and further in view of Palm et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,414,709).

Claims 9-12 and 15 have been allowed.

To expedite allowance of this case, Applicant cancels the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer. A continuation application will be submitted with regard to the cancelled subject matter.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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